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WINTER 2014

21st Century Learning Centers rendering

BRINGING 21st Century LEARNING CENTERS to Lakeshore Students

The mission of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is to acquire and distribute resources that support various Lakeshore Public School programs and projects aimed at enhancing, enriching, or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.

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Annual Whirlpool Integrated Supply Chain Dinner

Over $107,000 was Donated to the LEF

This summer, LEF again had the pleasure of attending the ***Annual Whirlpool Integrated Supply Chain Dinner***. At this event, Whirlpool recognizes and gives awards to their outstanding Supply Chain partners from all over the country and around the world.

The LEF was thrilled to receive the "BIG" check at the dinner along with our counterparts from Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

In conjunction with this event, Whirlpool holds a golf outing the following day at Harbor Shores. For the past several years, the ***Whirlpool Supply Chain*** has generously donated the proceeds from this huge golf outing back to three area school districts in our community. The proceeds are divided equally between the Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, and Lakeshore school foundations.

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LEF Chairman J.C. Anderson, Lakeshore Superintendent Phil Freeman, and LEF Vice Chair of Projects Lori Doggett were on hand to express our thanks to the Supply Chain and their partners for their continued generosity, and to tell the group what the funds would be used for in the upcoming year. The final donation was over $107,000 for each of the three school foundations. Thank you again to the ***Whirlpool Integrated Supply Chain*** and their Supply Chain partners for seeing the value of supporting education for the students in our local communities.

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually the LEF Board evaluates the health of the Fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and has reinvested the earned interest every year. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at andersonjcna@gmail.com

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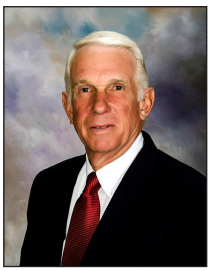
Chairman's Commentary



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

We continue to make exceptional progress as a public school foundation in a number of areas.

2015 BUDGET

We have developed our financial budget for 2015 and two (2) highlights that I believe may interest you are:

1. For the second consecutive year, we are targeting a net financial support to the Lakeshore schools of $350,000. As you may recall, this is up from a prior plateau of $210,000-$215,000. A graphical representation of the 2015 budget is presented below.
2. We will increase our student/teacher grant funding from last year's $100,000 to $125,000. In two (2) years, this item has increased from $75,000 to $125,000.

We feel this is a worthy investment in both student and teacher development.

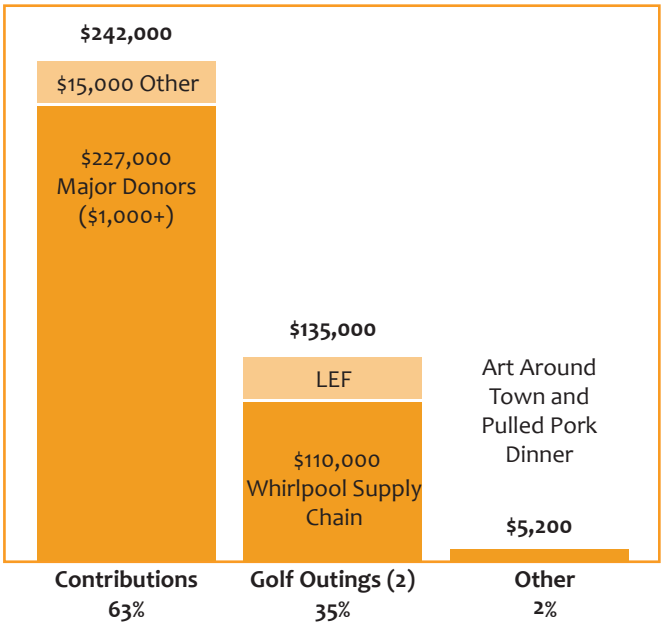
Points of Pride

21st Century Learning Centers: our largest LEF project ever funded at a $600,000 investment over the next three (3) years is off and running with the overall timeline/investment presented on page 5. This project was one of the major discussion topics at the annual Lancer Leaders' Reception on November 19, 2014.

Succession Planning: the LEF Board is all volunteers with members serving two (2) consecutive three (3) years terms. The Executive Committee has been working over the past six (6) months to ensure that we have a smooth and efficient transition as our Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chair of Projects complete their terms within the next year.

Fund Raising: this is basically the work of the LEF and then through the grant/project process we provide these dollars to the school system. We appreciate each of the community members/businesses that have chosen to support the LEF with their limited contribution dollars. We appreciate that you have decisions to make. We must, and will, continue to approach non-LEF contributors since that is our only method of growth ... and, we must continue to grow.

2015 Revenue Sources



If you have any questions and/or comments regarding LEF, I would enjoy discussing them with you. I can be reached at (269) 921-2513 or anderjcna@gmail.com.
Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson

2015 Expenditures

$219,750	Learning Centers	
125,000	Grant Programs (4)	$32,200 Marketing, Postage, & Supplies
1,500	Alumni Support	
1,000	Economic Club	
2,750	Other	* 8.4% Admin Costs

$350,000 CONTRIBUTION TO LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

21st Century Learning Centers Timeline and Architectural Concepts

Libraries/Media Centers
TRANSFORMATION
21st Century Learning Centers

In June 2014, LEF announced a $600,000 school library transformation project. The five Lakeshore Public School Library/Media Centers will be reinvented into *21st Century Learning Centers.*

LEF worked with School Administration and the Board of Education to ensure that this project is a critical and necessary element for the enhanced education of Lakeshore students.

Three major components of the project:

1. Redefining available space
2. Purchasing of updated technologies for access, production, and presentation
3. Furniture that provides flexible options within defined spaces

For additional details and to contribute to the 21st Century Learning Centers project, please visit our website at LEFonline.org.

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21st Century Learning Centers Timeline & Investment

ACTION	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (3)
Design & Specs	November 2014	November 2014	January 2016
Bid Date	February 2015	February 2015	November 2016
Bid Awards	March 2015	March 2015	December 2016
Construction	Summer 2015	Summer 2016	Summer 2017
In-Use	September 2015	September 2016	September 2017
Investment	$240,000	$126,000	$234,000

$600,000 Investment

21st Century Learning Centers CONTRIBUTION FORM

☐ Check here if this is an anonymous contribution.

Name of Contributor(s):

_____

Address/City/State:

_____

Phone (Home):_____ Phone (Work):_____
Phone (Cell):_____ Email:_____

Are you a Lakeshore graduate? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, what year did you graduate? _____

Will your employer match this contribution?

☐ YES ☐ NO

My contribution amount: $_____

Optional:
My gift is in honor/memory of:

_____

Address/City/State:

_____

Please make checks payable to Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.
Send form and contribution to:

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation
5771 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127

LEF is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.
Your contributions to LEF are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

21st Century Learning Centers will bring the libraries/media centers in each of the five Lakeshore Public Schools into the 21st century to prepare our students for college and their future careers where collaboration will be a key to success.

Mission

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LEF Grant Recipients

LEF held their annual Grant reception on October 29, 2014 at the Middle School Media Center. We had the privilege of hearing from many of our grant recipients from last year. Several students who applied for, and received, Stepping Stones Grants told us about the incredible experiences the grants allowed them to pursue, and many of the district's teachers shared their projects and professional development opportunities that were achieved through grant monies (Innovation Grants, Foundation Project Grants and Staff Professional Development Grants). The LEF is humbled and so impressed by the talent, initiative, and enthusiasm for the projects and personal development opportunities that were shared in the presentations. For a complete list of grant recipients please go to the ***Grants*** page at LEFonline.org.

Stepping Stones to Enrichment Grant Recipients

This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors. These grants provide financial assistance to Lakeshore students to pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, and much more.

Grades and family economics are not a factor in approving the application. This year grants were given to 19 students for a variety of pursuits. The total awarded was $9500.

Emma Southard Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp
Abigail Austin DECA International
Beth Allen DECA International
Taylor Brinker DECA International
Caleb Colp DECA International
Grant Dunn DECA International
Austin Latack DECA International
Allison Matti DECA International
Alexander Meilstrup DECA International
Nathaniel Warman DECA International
Kara Welch DECA International
Grace Brackman ISEF
(Int'l Science & Engineering Fair)
Sydney Cason ISEF (Int'l Science & Engineering Fair)
Kathryn Woodward
MSU Young Author's Conference
Mrinalini Sugosh National Student Leadership Conference (Engineering)
Taylor Grashuis Swim Camps
Grand Valley & Western
Renee Veldman U of M Swim Camp
RJ Veldman U of M Swim Camp
Caleb Vanderweide
Wheelchair Basketball Camp - U of Wisconsin

LEF Awards Innovation Grants

Innovation Grants are typically a request with a completion cost of up to $2500. The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. These grants are awarded once each year. Last Spring LEF awarded nine grants for a total of $10,693 for the following programs:

Cindy Kliemchen *(Roosevelt)*
Write Steps - a structured LA curriculum that includes reading, writing and grammar
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Stacy Whitt *(Roosevelt)*
Bee Bots - helps her students with sequencing, estimation, problem solving.
Katy Carpenter *(Stewart)*
Box charging stations, cases and screen protectors of ipads
Jilian Crocket *(Stewart)* Literacy Night K-5
Perry Heppler *(Hollywood)* Little Free Library
Wendy Cleworth *(Middle School)* Styluses for graphic tablets, tripods for digital cameras
Casey King *(Middle School)* Makey Makey invention kits – will use in the Spring
Lynda Smith *(High School)*
Genetic Conference at LHS - Sam Rhine speaker
Lynda Smith *(High School)*
Digital Compound Microscope for Biology Department

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Staff Professional Development Grants

These grants are for a Professional Development opportunity, i.e.: conference, seminar, continuing education college courses, etc. The grant requests are for amounts up to $500. The Professional Development opportunity should be something that the Lakeshore School District would not be able to provide. The total awarded was $5485.

Lynda Smith National Assoc. of Biology Teachers - in November
Cassandra Wheeler National Assoc. of Biology Teachers - in November
Jill McNabnay National Assoc. of Biology Teachers - in November
Kim Landeck Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference
Tim Worrell Tuition at Bethel College - Literacy: Effective Strategies for the 21st Century
Gail Harrah Michigan Art Education Assoc. Conference - in November
Nancy Anderson Michigan Art Education Assoc. Conf. - in November
Hilary Burchett Michigan Art Education Assoc. Conf. - in November
Andrea Eddy Graduate Coursework at Grand Valley - Reading Assessment Secondary Teacher
Karen Stephens Eberly Graduate Coursework at Grand Valley - Reading Assessment Secondary Teacher
Jilian Crockett Graduate Coursework at Grand Valley - Reading Assessment Secondary Teacher
Katherine Rohwer Graduate Coursework at Grand Valley - Reading Assessment Secondary Teacher
Kim Mishler Graduate Coursework at Spring Arbor University - Reading & Diagnostics
Carole Conrad Tuition at Vander Cook College of Music - Music Notation Course
Cynthia Kliemchen Graduate course - Create & Captivate: Using Online Presentations to Teach

Foundation Project Grants

Foundation Project Grants are typically a request with a completion cost of more than $2500. The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement. The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. This grant is an opportunity to think BIG! The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community. Applications are submitted in the Fall and the Spring. This year we awarded two grants in the Fall for a total of $35,900. In the Spring we awarded six grants for a total of $28,000.The grand total of Foundation Project Grants given this past year was $63,900. The following is a list of those grants.

Fall Awards

Julie Powell *(Administration)*
Developing & implementing K-5 process for Common Core Math Standards
Hollywood Elementary The Leader in Me

Spring Awards

Adam Carr *(High School)* Tourchmate CNC Plasma Cutter
Valerie Carr *(High School)*
Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills - Field Trip
Andrea Eddy/Kim Landeck *(High School)* KUTA Software
Jon Woodard/Brad Smith Robotics Team
Colleen Cox *(High School)*
LHS Yearbook Class - MacBooks and cameras
Holly Davis/Wendy Cleworth *(High School and Middle School)* Art Competitions

Art Around Town

Art Around Town 2014

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LEF sponsors the framing of the students' art and seeks local businesses that will "lease" and display the artwork for the year. At the end of the year, the framed artwork is returned to the students. This year, all artwork was displayed at the ***Curious Kids' Museum*** for three weeks in August.

A reception for the artists, their families, and businesses interested in leasing artwork, was held at the Museum the week before the start of school. Curious Kids' Museum received very positive feedback from local and visiting guests on the ***Art Around Town*** project as well as the amazing student artwork.

Many thanks to the businesses that lease the artwork, and to community volunteer Jeanne Simpson who has coordinated the ***Art Around Town*** program since its inception. If you are interested in learning more about ***Art Around Town***, please contact LEF Board Member Naomi Ventura at mnventura3@msn.com

The 2014 collection can be seen displayed at: Ani-Med Animal Care, Berrien Reg. Assoc. In Neurology, The Gallery Salon, Mathnasium, Jennings Law, Scott Berry Promotions, Martin's Supermarket, Edgewater Bank, Austin Tax & Financial, Lakeland Health Park, Priebe's Woodworking, Lakeshore P.S. Administration Building, Honor Credit Union, Lakeshore Cardiothoracic, Schultz Roofing, United Federal Credit Union, and Stifel Nicolaus.

LEF/Rotary Pulled Pork BBQ

The LEF/Rotary Pulled Pork BBQ has become a tradition for many of our Lakeshore families. Each year families look forward to enjoying a great tasting meal before the Homecoming football game.

It has become a tradition! Every year before Lakeshore's Homecoming football game, the LEF and Lakeshore Rotary team up for a delicious Pulled Pork Dinner.

This year, ***Charlie's Piggin' N' Grinnin'*** from the Benton Harbor Arts District brought their smoker and filled the air with the wonderful aroma of pork. Even an early storm, wind, and chilly temperatures did not dampen the spirits of all involved. The Rotarians worked assembling and selling dinners. The LEF trustees and some young helpers were busy selling homemade desserts and beverages to complete the meals. Both groups had a great time working together and trying to keep up with the lines of cars and customers.

The proceeds from the event went to the Rotary's Polio Project and to support projects of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. Thanks to the generosity and support of the Lakeshore community, this event raised just over $5000.

A huge thank you to the Wash Station for the use of their parking lot and wash bays for this event.

The Rotary and LEF are proud to work together each year on this event to do great things for our community. We look forward to seeing you next year at Homecoming!

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Distinguished Alumni

The Distinguished Alumni Award will recognize Lakeshore, Baroda, or Stevensville High School graduates for their achievements and contributions and provide our students with role models for exceptional accomplishments.

Lakeshore Public Schools would like to honor alumni who have excelled in their professions and or made significant contributions to their community. Their achievements, strength of character, and citizenship serve as models to inspire and challenge today's students.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Graduated from Lakeshore, Baroda, or Stevensville High School 10 or more years ago.
- Demonstrates a high level of achievement in his/her field and makes significant contributions to that field.
- Exhibits leadership, character, and service at work in their community, or in civic organizations.
- The selection committee, consisting of faculty, administration, alumni and community members will review applications. This committee will consist of a minimum of five members.

The following procedure will be followed:

Nominations will be sought from community members by articles in the Lakeshore Light, Lakeshore Public Schools Website, Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Website, and the Herald Palladium. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. All nominations will be kept on hand for two years and will be reviewed again the following year.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2015.

At that time, the selection committee will meet and select no more than two recipients (normally the committee will only choose one recipient). The chosen recipient will be notified and asked to attend the Lakeshore Graduation Ceremony and to make brief remarks during the event.

A bronze plaque will be displayed for the selected distinguished alumni. The Recipient will also receive a plaque similar to the one displayed at the Lakeshore High School.

Lakeshore Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Form

I wish to nominate the following person for Lakeshore Distinguished Alumni Award. I am including pertinent information to assure his/her nomination.

Name:
_____

Address:
_____

City, State, Zip:
_____

Position:
_____

Year of Graduation: _____

Please use a separate piece of paper to list nominee's contributions and achievements in his/her profession and community.

Nomination submitted by:
_____

Address:
_____

City, State, Zip Code:
_____

Phone #: _____
Cell: _____
E-mail Address:
_____

Please return completed nomination form by January 5, 2015
LHS Alumni Association
Attn: Chad Deja
Lakeshore Distinguished Alumni Award
C/O Lakeshore High School
5771 S. Cleveland Ave.
Stevensville, MI 49127

Welcome New LEF Trustees

Sharon Austin, Trustee

Sharon Austin

Sharon Austin is a native *Michigander* growing up in Farmington Hills. She graduated with a BA in Psychology, Sociology and Biology with a minor in Music from Bethel College. Before moving to St. Joseph, she worked for the corporate office of Holy Cross Care Services in South Bend opening a Transitional Skilled Care Unit at St. Joseph Regional Hospital. After the unit was up and running, she decided to change careers to be a wife and mother. The Austins relocated to St. Joseph in 2003 to develop Lake Breeze Estates. They have two children currently in the Lakeshore school system and one graduated. Tom and Sharon own ***Austin Tax & Financial***, opening this office in 2007. Sharon is responsible for managing the office, client relations, and is a registered tax preparer. Sharon joins the board to serve in the role of Treasurer.

Megan Green, Trustee

Megan Green

Megan, a New Englander by birth and college education, moved to Stevensville in 2004 with her husband Cliff and three children. She went to college in Bennington, Vermont, and graduated with a BA in Natural Science and completed law school in Massachusetts. Our community has Megan to thank for researching, writing, and submitting a grant request to the ***Safe Routes to School*** program that resulted in the sidewalks on South Roosevelt and Hacienda, as well as the "safety trail" at Roosevelt Elementary. She served the past five years as the community liaison for the LEF Projects Committee and also served on the PTO Board of both Roosevelt Elementary and the middle school. Since joining the LEF board, Megan is the new Chair of Foundation Project Grants and continues to serve on the Projects Committee.

Brad Waide, Trustee

Brad Waide

Brad and his wife LeAnn have lived in Stevensville since 2004, and have twin 5th graders at Stewart elementary. He is originally from Toronto, grew up in Carmel, Indiana, and has lived in Michigan since high school. He attended Michigan State University, graduating with a business degree, and received his MBA in marketing from Western Michigan University. Brad currently works in sales at Whirlpool Corporation, and coaches boys and girls youth soccer and travel hockey. He will be serving on the Marketing Committee on the LEF Board.

STEPPING STONES

Application Deadline:
April 15

QUESTIONS:
Lori Marciniak
Ph. (269) 208-2154
marciniak5@comcast.net

- The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, and much more.
- Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese Language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!
- Grades and family economics are NOT a factor in approving the application. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors.

FOUNDATION PROJECT

Application Deadline:
October 15 & April 15

QUESTIONS:
Megan Green
Ph. (269) 429-3134
megan8665@gmail.com

- The Foundation Project Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of more than $2500.
- The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund — this grant is an opportunity to think BIG!
- The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

LAKESHORE INNOVATION

Application Deadline:
May 10

QUESTIONS:
Kim McAllister
Ph. (269) 408-1509
kdmcall@yahoo.com

- The Innovation Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of up to $2500.
- The proposal is to be completed within the following school year.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund within its current fiscal budget. Please think "INNOVATION" when considering your application idea.
- The grant proposal should offer a quality educational experience/ opportunity for Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Application Deadline:
May 1

QUESTIONS:
Sandy Welch
Ph. (269) 313-7401
sandywelch@truevine.net

- This grant may be used for a Professional Development opportunity, i.e.: conference, seminar, continuing education college courses, etc.
- The grant may only be used for the cost of registration and fees.
- Please note: meals, travel, and hotel expenses will not be covered by the grant.
- If a substitute teacher is needed to cover your class(es) in your absence, the cost of $100/day must be included in the grant.
- The grant request amount may not exceed $750.
- The Professional Development opportunity should be something that the Lakeshore School District would not be able to provide.

Save the Date!
LEF Golf Outing at Harbor Shores
June 22, 2015